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Docs strike \$600M deal

More incentives for physicians to practise in province, rural areas

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
 Metro Halifax

A new five-year agreement for the province's doctors is expected to boost attraction and retention of physicians to rural areas, decrease emergency room closures and entice doctors to spend more quality time with patients.

The Master Agreement between Doctors Nova Scotia and the Department of Health will cost the province \$616 million over the five

years and Health Minister Chris d'Entremont said it's intended to change the overall system of health-care in the province.

Doctors will receive monetary incentives to do the less attractive jobs. "We'll see more doctors staying in Nova Scotia," he said.

Doctors in the province voted 71 per cent in favour of the agreement and although many of the specific terms have yet to be tweaked, some of the incentives will be retroactive to April 1 of this year.

Emergency room doctors in Halifax, for example, will see an increase in hourly wages, jumping from \$134.81 an hour to \$156.10 an hour. Doctors working in rural areas will

also included

- » \$5,300 for start up costs for physicians who begin electronic records systems and additional remuneration of \$4,000 a year to support the program
- » \$300,00 in the first year to go toward locum services for physicians practising in rural areas

receive an additional \$5,000 after three years of service in a rural community and each year following will bring additional money ending with a \$12,000 bonus in the seventh year.

With the changing demographics and increasing prevalence of chronic disease, doctors who spend

more time with chronic care patients will be compensated accordingly said Don Pugsley, president of Doctors Nova Scotia.

"We went into this (agreement) knowing status quo is not an option," he said.

Doctors will also receive additional remuneration for more difficult medical cases.

A general practitioner who takes in patients with more severe and chronic ailments such as diabetes, for example, will be paid accordingly for work done with those patients than for working with a healthier patient with a minor ailment.

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Divers find drowned fishermen

By **LINDSAY JONES**
 Metro Halifax

RCMP divers recovered the bodies of two missing fishermen at the bottom of the ocean near their sunken boat off the coast of Prospect yesterday.

Divers found the body of Gerald Blackburn, 60, at 10:11 a.m. RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said he was located 12 metres away from the boat under 18 metres of water.

Gerry Blackburn, 29, was found at 12:40 p.m. in about 15 metres of water, nearly 230 metres away from the boat.

The father and son were last seen Tuesday at 6:45 a.m. when they headed out in their 25-foot lobster boat.

The Canadian Coast Guard was advised at 10 a.m. when the vessel's return was overdue.

Taplin said the pair's boat was found mostly intact in 18 metres of water near where searchers found the top part of the wheelhouse Tuesday morning.

Taplin said neither of the two men was found wearing immersion survival suits, which he said were on board.

The Coast Guard, Fisheries Department, military helicopters, search and rescue groups, local fishermen and kayakers searched for the pair Tuesday and yesterday.

Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Ron Chisholm offered condolences to the fishermen's family.

"This is a tragedy and loss for our fishing industry and communities," Chisholm said in a press release.

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Dunst went to rehab for blues, not booze



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'Phantom' power adds to energy bills, expert says



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Fans cheer Sid the Kid

Pittsburgh Penguins fans celebrate Sidney Crosby's first goal of the game against the Detroit Red Wings in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Finals on the big screen TV set up at Cole Harbour Place last night. Game coverage, page 13.

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METRO HALIFAX

Tories block domestic abuse bill

Move payback for Grits blocking metal bill: Clarke

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

The Tories blocked a domestic violence bill as political payback against the Liberals Monday, and opposition parties are not happy about it.

Justice Minister Cecil

Clarke told reporters at Province House he wouldn't allow a vote on the Liberal bill that would have formed a committee aimed at eliminating domestic violence, because the Liberals wouldn't support the government's scrap metal bill.

"If one's not going forward, the other's not going forward. Plain and simple" said Clarke.

Yesterday the government



never an understanding

» Diana Whalen said it was never her understanding that voting to delay one bill would halt the other. Whalen said the government set up the committee yesterday as part of damage control.

set up a Domestic Violence Prevention Committee, similar to what the bill would have done. Clarke stood blamed the death of the bill on NDP MLA Diana Whalen, who he said broke an agree-

ment to support both the scrap metal and domestic violence bills.

"I think Diana Whalen should apologize for the politics she was playing," said Clarke when asked if he

would apologize to those offended by his comments.

"If a member wants to politicize the process and that legislation then they need to be held to account."

Premier Rodney MacDonald backed up his minister, saying, "We held up our end of the bargain I believe and something wasn't being held up on the other side."

But Whalen said she was amazed and offended that

Clarke would blame her for killing the bill. She said she and Liberal MLA Michel Samson only voted to hold the scrap metal bill over to the fall because of public concerns the bill wasn't ready.

"Every bill should be looked at on its own merit. I think what we've seen here is some childish antics and some politics," said Whalen.

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Doctors encouraged to widen care

Master Agreement balances pay scale, physician says

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

The new Master Agreement for doctors in the province will encourage physicians to care for a wider spectrum of patients, says one rural doctor.

"You'll get paid better to look after people who have illness as opposed to being paid well for looking after people who have relatively minor illness," said Tim Woodford, a general practitioner who has worked at a Liverpool practice for 22 years.

Before the new agreement, a physician who saw five healthy patients in one hour would be paid per service, which means five times the service amount of about \$130.

But a doctor who saw only one or two more severely ill



Doug Clarke, left, executive director of Doctors Nova Scotia, and Don Pugsley, president of Doctors Nova Scotia, spoke to media yesterday at the Doctors N.S. headquarters about the new five-year Master Agreement for physicians in the province.

patients in the same time would make less than half that.

The new agreement ensures doctors are compensated for the work that they do, not the number of people they see.

"I can see that this agreement addresses those issues of looking after people that need to be looked after."

In addition, doctors who cover a wide spectrum of care including emergency rooms, nursing homes, hospi-

tals, elderly care, prenatal care and house calls will see the results of their hard work in their pay cheques.

Woodford said rural doctors have no choice but to cover various areas of care.

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Phantom energy adds up, says Conserve N.S.

Executive director offers tips on how to reduce usage

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

With the way fuel and energy prices have been climbing over the past few months, it's no surprise electricity rates are following suit, says an energy conservation expert.

"Sooner or later, it'll catch up with fuels for electricity as well," said Allan Crandlemire, executive director of Conserve Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. announced Tuesday the utility is applying to raise electricity rates 12 per cent by the beginning of next year.

But Crandlemire says there are a number of ways power customers can reduce their energy consumption and in turn, their electricity bill.

He said it's a myth that powering down appliances, electric heat or air conditioning when not in use actually uses more energy to re-start.

The single best thing people can do to conserve energy in their homes, he said, is un-

tips to cut energy

Here are some tips to conserve energy and cut your monthly power bills:

- » Look for appliances with the Energuide label; they're designed to be energy conscious.
- » Wash your clothes in cold water.
- » Turn off power bars when appliances aren't in use.
- » Borrow an energy metre from any public library to measure the energy your appliances actually use.

plug and turn off appliances.

"If you're going to be away for any longer than a commercial break, it's worth it to turn it off," he said.

Keeping the television running in the background uses a lot of energy and leaving computers powered up all the time is a waste, he said.

"All you're doing is stopping and thinking and making a smart choice," he said.

Even leaving your cell-phone charger plugged into the wall when it's not charging your phone uses electricity.

The "phantom" energy that we use every day adds up, Crandlemire said.

labour force

Province reviewing use of pensions

DISCUSSION A provincial panel is reviewing the use of pensions in Nova Scotia. If you're interested, read the discussion paper at www.gov.ns.ca/lwd/pension or call 1-800-567-7544 before July 4 when the panel will suggest ways to improve it.

METRO HALIFAX

Rescue missions on harbour

Coast guard, Armed Forces conduct training

Canadian Coast Guard and Armed Forces personnel are staging a training exercise using Cormorant helicopters in low-level manoeuvres over Sydney harbour.

Police and local fire de-

partment dive teams and water rescue units are also participating in the training session.

Cormorants will hover over boats from the Canadian Coast Guard College to lower search and rescue technicians on board during the exercise which began yesterday and continues today.

Coast guard spokesman

Pat Donovan said the goal of the exercise is to put personnel on smaller boats to airlift casualties in the event of a real emergency.

The exercise is expected to involve 40 coast guard and 20 Air Force personnel with about 20 from police and fire departments from the surrounding area.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

» news In Brief

» **SCHOLARSHIP** Mount Saint Vincent University grad Caroline Tucker was awarded a prestigious \$25,000 scholarship. Tucker, a biology graduate, will use the Julie

Payette Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada scholarship to continue her plant ecology studies.

METRO HALIFAX



Weather conditions made for another bad year for New Brunswick maple syrup producers, industry officials say. The province's \$12-million industry produced at about 40 per cent of its normal levels in 2008, the New Brunswick Maple Syrup Association said. METRO HALIFAX

Whistle-blowing policy started

School board hopes to stop wrong-doing

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

The school board introduced a new whistle-blowing policy last night so that employees may relay information about wrong-doing without fear of reprisal.

Board staff drafted the policy on the advice of an auditor after the 2005 resignation of Carl Reid, a former principal

of Gaetz Brook Junior High who's accused of stealing \$11,332.96 from the school. A board of inquiry later found his wife, former board member Bernadette Reid, gave him a 19.76 per cent discount on products she was selling to keep the total sales off the radar of the board's purchasing policy.

Halifax regional school board spokesman Doug Hadley said the board adjusts and introduces policies based on what it's learned in the past.

"There were a couple of incidents a few years ago — one involving a board member and another involving a school administrator at the time," Hadley said.

"Board members themselves had also felt there was a need to bring something forward so putting those two together, it was just timely to come forward to protect the board and the employees."

Carl Reid's last court appearance was May 14, where he pled guilty.

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funding shortfall forces layoffs

» The Tri-county regional school board says inadequate provincial funding is forcing it to lay off 24 teachers and 18 central office positions including psychologists and math and literacy mentors.

The board, which covers Yarmouth, Digby, Shelburne counties, sent out a press release yesterday saying its budget allocation leaves it with a \$3.3 million shortfall.

"Making these cuts was extremely difficult,

but under the education act, the board has to present a balanced budget and this is the ugly reality of that lack of funding by the province," board chair Faye Haley said.

Board Vice-Chair Ron Hines said cuts were made at the board office as much as possible to protect the classroom. "But make no mistake — this is a disastrous budget."

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

Samaritan, Loblaws help out girls' team

Basketball squad gets due reward

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

After having a quarter of their fundraising money taken by Superstore, a girls basketball team will be getting some money back from both the company and a generous donor.

Samaritan Barry Smith contacted Metro Halifax yesterday saying he wanted to donate \$120 to the girls under-16 provincial team after hearing that much had been kept by Superstore after the girls did a weekend grocery bagging fundraiser.

Superstore's policy is to take 25 per cent of money raised for its own cause, the Presidents Choice Children's Charity, though the team thought it was only ten per cent.

"I'm shocked they would do something like that," said

policy

» Loblaws said the 25 per cent rate has been the same for all groups for the last two years.

Smith, a computer consultant. "I thought somebody should step up to the plate and help these girls out."

Team coach Lezlie States said she was very grateful for Smith's donation and said it would help the team travel to a tournament this summer.

Later in the day a spokeswoman for Loblaws, the company that owns Superstore, said stores generally have groups sign a form outlining the 25 per cent stake before they fundraise. She said that didn't happen this time due to a mix-up so Loblaws would return the 15 per cent the team wasn't expecting.

"Really we feel we're giving the charity a pretty captive audience as the customer's waiting there to pay for their groceries," Inge van den Berg, Vice President of Investor Relations for Loblaws, said.

arrests

Three nabbed in suspected gas theft

CHASE Police arrested three young men who allegedly fled the scene of an accident near St. Matthias Street and Chebucto Road yesterday. Police believe the car the men were driving had been involved in theft of gas from a service station before the accident. Three men fled the scene on foot. Officers arrested the suspects shortly afterward.

METRO HALIFAX

business

Pictou shipyard to re-open on June 1

JOBS The Pictou Shipyard will officially be back in business on June 1. Aecon Fabco recently took over the lease of the shipyard from the Irving Group. The fabrication company is currently seeking 30 workers from the local branch 244 plumbers and pipefitters union to begin fabrication work on pipes on June 1.

THE NEWS



Clippers battled for position near the start of Leg 10 of the race, from Jamaica to New York, on the weekend.

Race close, as ships near New York

Local team in ninth, but still challenging lead

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

The local boat in the Clipper 07/08 Round the World Yacht race has found itself in a neck and neck race to New York, and from there home to Hal-

ifax.

As of yesterday evening the Nova Scotia sat ninth of ten in the current race from Jamaica to New York, with 628 kilometres to go. But it's only a single kilometre behind two other boats, and a mere nine kilometers out of first place.

After landing in New York, the yachts are expected to leave next Wednesday and

arrive in Halifax Friday or Saturday.

That Halifax is a leg on the race is partly due to happenstance. In the 2002 race the ships travelled straight from New York to England. But a storm in the North Atlantic caused the fleet to make a surprise stop in Halifax to escape the storm.

Nova Scotia ended up sponsoring a boat for the next

race details

» The race features yachts from around the world, all captained by one professional sailor and made up of a crew of amateur sailing enthusiasts.

race in 2005/2006 and Halifax was added as a stop before the trans-Atlantic journey.

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»news In Brief

» **DIGBY** Mayor Frank Mackintosh is concerned that Digby could be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars after a sewage leak closed Annapolis Basin to shellfish harvesting. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans announced the

closure May 17 following an accidental leak of untreated sewage from the three-decade old treatment facility in south end Digby. The town is looking at purchase of monitoring equipment that costs \$250,000 to \$300,000.

THE DIGBY COURIER

Gas theft growing as prices soar

The soaring price of diesel fuel has made it the latest commodity to be targeted by thieves.

Adam Fisher has been working on the dike in Lower Truro with his long reach excavator for the past week. He

figures someone pulled up in a vehicle, broke the lock and pumped the fuel out, stealing about \$350 worth of diesel.

The Truckers Association of Nova Scotia executive director Wayne Onda said while fuel theft has been a

problem in the past for its members, he has not heard of any recently.

"The prices are going up and people are getting more brazen," he said. "It is a really big concern."

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Night out with Sex gang

City gets ready for return of Carrie and friends

By MELISSA SMITH
for Metro Halifax

Sex and the City may be set in New York, but it's Halifax that's getting ready for a night on the town.

"It's such a great way to bond with your friends. This is a time for women to come together and celebrate how fabulous they are," says Amy Hawke, 27, who has a night out planned with 13 of her girlfriends in celebration of the movie premiere tomorrow.

"We've been watching Sex and the City since the beginning; it's sort of become a cult following for us. I think that you can take any situation that happens in your life and relate it back to an episode of Sex and the City."

Rachel Dodds, owner of Sexy Girl and, like Carrie Bradshaw, a one-time sex columnist, isn't the biggest

fan of the show. But she's a wholehearted fan of the message it sends to women.

"The women in Sex and the City are a lot more open-minded than most. It really broke down that stereotype that women have to be in a relationship or in love to have sex," Dodds says, "It pushed that whole attitude of empowerment in women to the forefront. Now women are having sex more like men, and they know it's OK."

The hit HBO show's finale was four years ago, but the hype and popularity for the colourful cast has never died down. It's still affecting how women shop — and they're not just looking for Carrie Bradshaw's Jimmy Choos.

"The show has been very effective with making vibrators more mainstream," says

Dodds, whose business sells them. "We've launched this new business that features high-end vibrators named after each character on the show. Women can get together for a girls' night and leave with their very own Mr. Big, batteries included."

She says Sex and the City promotes the ideal of women who are confident, independent, and comfortable with who they are.

"I like the way that the women in Sex and the City took the power back. They have all the same problems with sex and relationships that regular women do, but they showed it as being normal, as being real. It showed them handling it in the way every woman should, with a sense of humour, with confidence, and with our friends by our side."

«(The show) pushed that whole attitude of empowerment of women to the forefront. Now women are having sex more like men, and they know it's OK.»

Rachel Dodds,
owner of Sexy Girl



Amy Hawke, 27, with the Sex and the City girls' signature drink, a Cosmopolitan martini. Hawke and 13 of her girlfriends, devoted fans of the HBO series, plan to celebrate the movie's premiere together.

Cape Breton

Local businesses lauded at meeting

SPEECH Joe Shannon, a well-known Port Hawkesbury businessman, says the local economy has undergone a positive change since the closure of the coalmines and the steel plant.

About 160 people gathered at the convention centre for the Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting, and to hear Shannon, the event's guest speaker.

He credited Enterprise Cape Breton Corp. and local business owners with making the transition to a new economy, and doing it rather well.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

»news

In Brief

» **BYLAW** Amherst is repealing its 30-year-old election deposit bylaw that allowed candidates to run for a seat on town council without paying a deposit. The bylaw waiving the deposit was passed by the town in 1979.

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Global warming could reduce ice cover, increasing evaporation rates and dropping water levels in the Great Lakes and pose added pollution threats to the region's ecosystem, environmental groups said in a report yesterday.

REUTERS

Five found dead in Calgary home

Police shaken by scene, one-year-old girl only survivor

By NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Calgary

Five people including two children were found dead in a northwest Calgary home yesterday, the victims of what cops called a domestic homicide that left the Dalhousie community heartbroken and police searching for answers.

Calgary police were called to the home around 10 a.m. yesterday after a family member came to pick up one of the children for school and noticed something wasn't right.

EMS were "horrified" when they entered the house and found three dead adults — one male and two females — and two dead female children, aged 4 and 6, and a one-year-old unharmed female survivor, who was turned over to protective



Investigators combed the scene where the grisly discovery of five bodies in a Calgary home shook the quiet community.

services.

"We go to calls everyday where people have died, but when children are involved, it's that much more challenging," said Calgary EMS's Paul Lapointe. "This is a pretty rare event."

Police confirmed neighbour assertions that a female renter lived with the family, who moved into the sleepy suburban neighbourhood

about three years ago, but wouldn't reveal what ultimately led to the deaths, not believed to be random, as they are still investigating.

"These are hugely traumatic incidents, they're organizationally traumatic, they're traumatic for the community, we know the impact that exists," said Calgary Police chief Rick Hanson.

Ottawa gets screening of 'offensive' film

As federal politicians debate a proposal to deny taxpayer support for "offensive" home-grown films or TV shows, a film distributor will give them the opportunity to watch a provocatively titled movie.

Maple Pictures plans a test screening in Ottawa today for the romantic comedy *Young People F---ing*, which was made with government

money. Despite its graphic title, the film has no on-screen sex or nudity. Martin Gero's feature is set to open June 13.

The distributor said it aims to make the film available to government officials who might "influence" the passage of Bill C-10 through the Canadian Senate. Filmmakers consider the bill censorship.

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Gross competence

» Actor Paul Gross enthralled a group of veteran politicians yesterday as he spoke passionately about Bill C-10. "If you take away a man's tongue, that man cannot speak," Gross said before the Senate committee.

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The Municipal Tax System needs to change. We need your help!

The Tax Reform Committee is looking for public feedback on its ideas for a new tax system. The Committee believes a new tax system should be service-based, consider the ability to pay and be based on solid principles. They are also proposing that:

- There would be 9 municipal tax rates, each levied at a flat rate per home, defined by service: hydrants, solid waste, local roads, local transit, sidewalks, community recreation facilities, regional roads, regional transit, and a broad regional tax (for police, fire, libraries, and other costs).
- Multi-unit buildings (apartments and condos) would be taxed at a reduced rate.
- There would be an increase in support for lower-income families.
- The deed transfer tax would be eliminated.
- Assessment would remain on provincial services such as mandatory education.

The Tax Reform Committee will be holding the following Open Houses on municipal tax reform. Drop by, e-mail, call or write. We want to hear from you!

Monday, May 26th
Dartmouth Sportsplex, Common Room, 7-9 pm

Wednesday, May 28th
St. Agnes Church Hall, Halifax, 7-9 pm

Thursday, May 29th
Bedford Lions Den, 7-9 pm

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Inn on the Lake, Fall River, 7-9 pm

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» news

In Brief

» **COVER-UP** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said yesterday federal Conservatives appear to be involved in a cover-up of a deliberate government leak orchestrated to embarrass Democratic presidential frontrunner Barack Obama. Dion pointed to information uncovered by Torstar News Service suggesting the Prime Minister's Office leaked information to a Republican operative for distribution. "It is an allegation that is very serious. ... There is something there," Dion told reporters.

» **TOBACCO** Canada's largest tobacco company has abruptly cancelled a plan that critics fear would have skirted Ontario's new ban on in-store cigarette displays, taking effect Saturday. Under the promotion scrapped in the last few days, Imperial Tobacco told retailers they could make "hundreds of dollars" extra by putting third-party ads on flaps covering cigarette shelves from public view. The Montreal-based company had offered to install the flaps for free in exchange for guaranteed shelf space for its brands. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Montreal 38 arrests



CHRISTINE MUSCH/REUTERS

Montreal police officers arrest a woman yesterday in connection with street gang activities and drug distribution during an early morning operation which included 34 raids leading to 38 arrests in the Montreal area.

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Ont. faces pot complaint

Legal marijuana user sends issue to rights commission

By TRACEY TONG
Metro Ottawa

Banning medicinal marijuana users from smoking on outdoor patios violates human rights, says an Ottawa man who has lodged a complaint against Ontario.

Russell Barth's complaint

this week to the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) alleges that Ontario Liquor Licence Act regulations, which prohibit consumption of controlled substances in licensed areas, infringe on people federally licensed to smoke marijuana to ease ailments.

The complaint comes after Barth, who suffers from fibromyalgia and other disorders, was prevented from smoking outside a city com-

edy club on May 7.

"Provincially, there is no provision for people who use medicinal marijuana," said the 39-year-old amateur comedian, who has held a medicinal-marijuana licence since 2002.

"So this puts every club owner and the staff in a conundrum. If they allow me to use it, they're in violation of the ... act and if they don't, they're violating my human rights to use medicine.

« We're not asking for special rights. We're just asking for the right to use cannabis where other people use tobacco. »

Medicinal marijuana user
Russell Barth

"We're not asking for special rights. We're just asking for the right to use cannabis where other people use tobacco."



Native women chant during a march in Vancouver in this Feb. 14, 2007 file photo. Canada is finally about to take a close look at what one aboriginal leader calls "the single most disgraceful, harmful and racist act in our history."

Native school abuses set to come to light

Hearings to be held across nation

After decades of foot-dragging, Canada is finally about to take a close look at what one aboriginal leader calls "the single most disgraceful,

harmful and racist act in our history."

From the 1870s to the 1970s, around

150,000 native children were forcibly removed from their parents and sent to distant residential schools, where many say they were abused mentally, physically and sexually.

Conditions in the schools — run by various churches on behalf of the government — were sometimes dire. Contemporary accounts suggest up to half the children in some institutions died of tuberculosis.

One prominent academic

calls what happened a genocide, yet for many years few Canadians knew what had happened.

Now, for the first time, the mainstream population will be learning a lot more about what was done in its name.

« You have to get the truth out ... it seems impossible today but it's real, it happened. »

Indian Affairs Minister
Chuck Strahl

As part of a \$1.9-billion settlement between Ottawa and the 90,000 school survivors in May 2006 that ended years of law suits, a truth and reconciliation commission is set to start work on June 1.

The commission, which has a life span of five years, will travel across Canada and hold public hearings on the abuses.

"You have to get the truth out ... it seems impossible today but it's real, it happened," said federal Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl.

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»news In Brief

» **BERNIER** Officials from the Prime Minister's Office and CSIS agents met this month to discuss Maxime Bernier's relationship with a woman known to have ties with biker gangs, Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh charged yesterday. The meeting was held between May 1 and 8, according to Dosanjh. May 8 was the day the first news reports appeared detailing Julie Couillard's past romantic links to prominent members of Quebec biker gangs.

» **ARCTIC** Five Arctic coastal nations agreed yesterday to let the UN rule on conflicting territorial claims on the region's seabed, which may hold up to one fourth of the world's undiscovered hydrocarbon reserves. Canada — represented by Natural

Resources Minister Gary Lunn — Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States met in Greenland to discuss sovereignty over the Arctic Ocean seabed.

» **HEALTH** Ontario Health Minister George Smitherman said yesterday that all provincial hospitals will have to start reporting rates of C.difficile — a bacterium that attacks the intestines causing severe diarrhea even death in elderly patients — on a public website by the end of September. At the end of this year, hospitals will also have to report on two more potentially deadly infections — Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus and Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci.

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A Malawian court ruled yesterday that Madonna could adopt a baby boy she met in an orphanage in the impoverished southern African nation, a lawyer for the U.S. pop star said. Madonna's adoption of David Banda has been controversial.

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'Ogre' gets life

French serial killer, wife found guilty in grisly murders

Self-confessed killer and rapist Michel Fourniret and his wife, Monique Olivier, were sentenced to life in prison yesterday in one of France's grimmest serial murder cases.

The couple showed no reaction after Fourniret, dubbed the "Ogre of the Ardennes" by the media, was found guilty in a packed courtroom of killing seven women and girls aged between 12 and 22 after raping or attempting to rape them.

Some victims were first drugged and bound. Fourniret, who has admitted a fascination for virgins, was arrested in 2003 after a 13-year-old girl escaped from his van and called the police.



Self-confessed French serial killer Michel Fourniret arrives at a jail at the end of his trial in Charleville-Mezieres yesterday.

The crimes were committed over 14 years from 1987, mostly in the wooded Ardennes region of northern France and in Belgium.

The case helped lead to a shake-up of the way French police investigate serial murders, including the improvement of co-ordination between different authorities.

Fourniret, 66, will be able to seek a reduced sentence only after serving 30 years in jail. Given his age, he is unlikely to ever walk free.

Olivier, 59, must spend at least 28 years in jail for the part she played in some of the murders and a rape, said the court in northern France.

REUTERS

Rain kills 50 in China

Torrential rain in southern and eastern China has killed at least 50 people in the past week and left 4,000 stranded, state media said yesterday, a fortnight after a big earthquake rattled Sichuan province.

The poor and remote southwestern province of Guizhou has been hardest hit, with 36 dead and another 14 missing, the official Xinhua news agency said.

flooding

» The floods occurred as authorities frantically try to drain hundreds of endangered reservoirs and dozens of lakes formed by landslides triggered by the severe earthquake which hit southwest Sichuan province on May 12.

"Tents, quilts and clothes have been sent to Wangmo County in Guizhou, which has been severely hit by rain and floods," it added.

Hunan, Hubei and Guangxi provinces have also been affected, and hundreds

of buildings have been buried by landslides and roads cut-off, Xinhua said. The China Meteorological Administration warned that more rain is expected in eastern and southern China over the next three days.

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» news In Brief

» **BOOK** Former White House press secretary Scott McClellan charges in an explosive new book that U.S. President George W. Bush used propaganda to sell the Iraq war, prompting angry rebukes from current and former Bush aides.

» **CYCLONE** Myanmar's military has started to bury cyclone

victims in communal graves, villagers said yesterday, as Western nations pledged to keep aid flowing despite anger at its detention of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

» **POLITICS** Ehud Olmert's main coalition partner demanded yesterday the Israeli prime minister leave office over

corruption allegations. Olmert made clear through his aides that he was staying on.

» **AFRICA** South Africa's government said yesterday it was offering shelter to tens of thousands of African migrants who fled their homes during a wave of xenophobic attacks but denied it was setting up camps.

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An historic vote

Nepal's political parties choose to abolish monarchy

Nepal's political parties voted yesterday to abolish the Himalayan kingdom's 239-year-old Hindu monarchy, a key demand of Maoists after they ended a decade-long war against the government.

Delegates at a special assembly voted 560 to four in



Thousands celebrate

» On hearing the result of the vote, thousands of people danced in the streets of Kathmandu, many waving different party flags and chanting "Welcome to a republic."

favour of abolishing the monarchy. Hours before, suspected royalists threw three small, homemade bombs in Nepal's capital, wounding one person.

The government has told unpopular King Gyanendra

to vacate his pink pagoda-roofed palace in the capital Kathmandu within a fortnight, or be forced out. He has made few comments on his future plans, except to say he wanted to remain in Nepal.

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Parliamentarians congratulate each other after voting for republic at the Constituent Assembly in Kathmandu yesterday.

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Merkel pledges cash for forests

Germany commits 500 million euros to protect nature

the commitment at a UN conference as it entered its decisive phase.

"We need a turning point on the issue of biodiversity," Merkel told delegates from 191 states participating in the 12-day conference which ends tomorrow.

Blame humans

» Human activity, including greenhouse gas emissions, are largely to blame, say the experts, who also warn of the economic costs of the loss of biodiversity.

UN studies say the planet is facing the most serious spate of extinctions since dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago, and experts meeting

Chancellor Angela Merkel, who won praise from environmentalists last year for her part in pushing through EU and G8 deals to fight climate change, made

in Bonn are trying to agree on ways to slow down the rate at which plants and animals are dying out. **REUTERS**

China Quake lake



A soldier points as a helicopter arrives to transport heavy machinery to the Tangjiashan quake lake, in the earthquake-hit area of Leigu town in Beichuan county, Sichuan province yesterday.

» news In Brief

» **LAW SUIT** New York and 13 other states are suing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency claiming it violated the Clean Air Act in revising

ozone pollution standards in March, the New York attorney general said yesterday.

REUTERS

Lebanon **Festival**

EMILE DALAY/REUTERS

Lebanese singer Nancy Ajram performs during a festival for Lebanon's newly elected President Michel Suleiman in downtown Beirut yesterday.

Brazil criticized over cane labour

Amnesty report condemns forced work in the sector

Amnesty International criticized poor working conditions and forced labour in Brazil's fast-growing sugar cane sector yesterday, as the government tries to promote the cane-based ethanol industry as a way to reduce poverty.

The human rights group said Brazil's government has taken steps to improve working conditions in rural areas, but it has

confirmed cases of forced labour throughout the country.

"Forced labor and exploitative working conditions were reported in many states, including in the rapidly growing sugar cane sector," Amnesty said in its annual report on the state of the world's human rights.

Unica's response

» "The document transmits a wrong, out-of-context vision that does not represent the reality observed today in the vast majority of the Brazilian sugar and ethanol sector," Unica said.

Brazil's powerful Cane Industry Association (Unica) dismissed Amnesty's report in a statement, saying it had focused on isolated cases.

REUTERS

Iraq to seek debt relief?

Progress to be discussed at meet

Baghdad may seek debt relief from Arab countries at an international conference today in Sweden to discuss progress

on a plan for Iraq's reconstruction.

Iraq is co-chairing with the United Nations a review of a strategy adopted in Egypt a year ago and it also wants technical support and more

engagement from neighbouring Sunni-led Arab states.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki will be able to cite progress on security after figures released by the U.S. military showed violence in Iraq

has fallen to its lowest level in more than four years.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the world needed to support Iraq's rebuilding now the security outlook has improved. **REUTERS**

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» **PERU** Residents of Peru's famously foggy capital should leave town once a week to see the sun and exercise frequently to combat seasonal depression, the Andean country's Health Ministry said yesterday.

» **POLITICS** Iraq's main Sunni Arab political bloc said yesterday it had suspended talks to rejoin the Shiite-led government after a disagreement with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki over a cabinet post. **REUTERS**

business

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↑ \$131.03US	
	\$2.18

Oil prices will likely stay near record highs this summer, meaning Canadians will keep paying unprecedented prices at the gasoline pump, Canada's energy regulator, the National Energy Board, said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Bulgaria **Fuel costs drive protests**

Truck drivers park their vehicles along the road during a strike yesterday in protest against fuel prices at a section of Sofia's ring road. Bulgarian truck drivers rallied, following the lead of British and French truckers and French fishermen in a wave of demonstrations and blockades by groups which say fuel costs threaten their livelihoods.

TD Bank reports 3 per cent dip in profits

Toronto-Dominion Bank said yesterday its second-quarter profit fell 3 per cent, hit by a tough environment in wholesale banking and restructuring

charges for its recent U.S. acquisition, Commerce Bancorp.

Canada's second-largest bank by market value said its wholesale banking profit fell

57 per cent to \$93 million.

At TD Canada Trust, its domestic personal and commercial banking unit, profit rose 8 per cent to \$582 million. **REUTERS**

Biofuels get OK

House gives green light to legislation

plants built or under construction

Government legislation that will require all gasoline sold in Canada to contain 5 per cent ethanol by 2010 passed the House of Commons yesterday.

The bill, which also calls for diesel to contain 2 per cent renewable fuels by 2012, won the support of the main opposition Liberal Party. Opposition was voiced by other parties over concern

» Canada has 16 ethanol plants built or under construction, according to industry data, with a total capacity of 1.6 billion litres produced from corn and wheat.

» There are currently three biodiesel plants with a combined capacity of 97 million litres, mainly using animal fats. A plant that would produce 225 million litres of biodiesel from canola oil is under construction in Alberta.

about food-crop production being diverted to fuel.

The governing Conservatives and the Liberals argued that only a small portion of food crops such as corn will be used to make the biofuel.

The legislation must now be approved by the Senate, where passage is likely.

The bill would create demand for an estimated 2 billion litres of ethanol and 600 million litres of biodiesel. **REUTERS**

Cross-border shopping stalls

Travel deficit falls in first quarter after 2007's record high

A brutal winter and soaring fuel prices kept Canadians from visiting or spending as much in the United States in the first three months of this year as they did in the last

half of 2007.

Canada's international travel deficit — the difference between spending by Canadian residents abroad and spending by foreigners in this country — fell to about \$3.1 billion in the first quarter, down \$295 million from the record high set in the fourth quarter of last year,

Statistics Canada reported yesterday.

The travel deficit had jumped by \$744 million in the third quarter and \$620 million in the fourth quarter of 2007, fuelled by a major climb in cross-border shopping by Canadians going south of the border.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Mining database launched:

Metals Economics Group (MEG) of Halifax has launched a new version of its searchable online company database — Company-Search-Plus. Enhanced search capabilities and expanded downloadable asset information draw on a database of 5,000 worldwide mining companies and their projects. The site evaluates companies, looks for marketing opportunities and searches for prospective partnerships. Users can easily find and identify an individual mining company or a set of companies based on headquarters and project locations, commodity, stock and share information and criteria related to directly-held late-stage mining projects. See www.metal-economics.com

New airport cargo facility:

Halifax Stanfield International Airport will get a new cargo facility. The 35,000 square-foot facility — to be built on land leased from the Halifax International Airport Authority — will be built by a private developer and will include refrigeration space to preserve seafood shipments, as well as apron space for planes, loading docks, warehousing and equipment. The building will be located near the IMP Building.

Vector sales office in Halifax:

Wilmington, Delaware-based Vector Marketing Corporation has opened a new sales office in Halifax, run by Robert Stortini. The Halifax office, located at 2623 Joseph Howe Dr., will be used for the recruitment and training of new sales representatives as well as for team meetings where additional training and mentorship is provided. Sales representatives market Vector's product, CUTCO Cutlery through in-home presentations and use the sales office as "home base." Vector Marketing, a wholly owned subsidiary of Olean, New York-based Alcas Corporation, is the exclusive marketer of CUTCO Cutlery and accessories.

Jodrey family buy cleaning firm from Irvings:

The Irving family has sold its Barrington Industrial Services business to the Jodrey family. Envirosystems Inc. purchased the assets and operations of the Irving subsidiary on March 19. Barrington is reputedly the largest industrial cleaning company in the region. The moves have reinforced the views of those who believe the Irving empire is beginning to break apart.

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Fashion **Luxury wear**

A mannequin is displayed in a window of Burberry's yesterday in central London. British fashion brand Burberry Group Plc. reported a 14 per cent rise in annual profit, helped by strong sales of its luxury handbags and trench coats. The company declined to comment on talk it could be a takeover target.

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» **APPEAL** BCE Inc. made its formal argument before the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday to hear an appeal of a lower court decision that could kill its planned buyout, saying it was imperative to clarify rules governing corporate boards.

» **EXCHANGE** TSX Group, which operates the Toronto Stock Exchange, said its board may need more time to

decide on a new chief executive, following a report that it is close to hiring former Chicago Board of Trade head Bernard Dan.

» **OPEC** Indonesia will quit the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) because as a net oil importer it is not happy with high global crude prices, its energy minister said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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sports



The Dallas Stars signed defenceman Trevor Daley, left, to a three-year contract extension worth \$6.9 million US yesterday. Daley, 24, appeared in all 82 games this past season, scoring five goals and 24 points. **REUTERS**

Sid gets Pens back in final

Crosby pots pair as Pittsburgh pares series deficit to 2-1

PENGUINS 3 WINGS 2

He's not yet old enough to drink champagne from the Stanley Cup in these parts but leave it to Sid The Kid to rekindle the battle for hockey's most cherished trophy.

In a game the Penguins absolutely had to win, in a series in which they'd yet to score a goal, Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby scored twice to lead Pittsburgh to a 3-2 victory over Detroit in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final.

The Wings still lead the series 2-1 but, at least, it's a series again.

Coming into the game, Crosby has struggled noticeably for open ice and could get very little done while constantly facing the checking of the Henrik Zetterberg line and the defensive pair of



Penguins captain Sidney Crosby celebrates a first-period goal as he flies past Detroit Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood last night during Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final in Pittsburgh. Crosby's goal broke the Pens' Cup final futility streak without scoring at just under seven periods.

Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski.

But Crosby never lost confidence.

When asked before last

night's game what he would have done differently in the first two contests, Crosby refused to concede that things had gone poorly.

"I wouldn't change a whole lot to be honest," he said. "I feel like I'm moving my feet. It's tight-checking. I want to make sure when I

get opportunities I capitalize on my chances and execute well. But I wouldn't change a whole lot."

Turns out he didn't need to. In a game that finally lived up to the billing that this would be an exciting Stanley Cup final — the third period was frenetic and included an incredible save by Marc-Andre Fleury who got the tip of his stick on a Thomas Holmstrom shot while reaching across an open net — Crosby shone brightest with the first goals.

Adam Hall, banking a shot from behind the net off Chris Osgood, made it 3-1 in the third. But Mikael Samuelsson made it 3-2 with just over six minutes remaining to set up a nail-biting finish.

But Pittsburgh held on and the win gives the Penguins a perfect 9-0 record on home ice during the playoffs. It was the team's 17 consecutive victory at Mellon Arena.

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NHL

Sundin earns Messier Award

HONOURS Toronto Maple Leafs captain Mats Sundin was named the winner of the Mark Messier Leadership Award yesterday.

The award, which was created in 2006, goes to the player recognized for outstanding performance on the ice, leadership skills as well as a dedication to humanitarian efforts away from the rink.

CFL

Top passer Allen calls it a career

JOBS Quarterback Damon Allen officially announced his retirement yesterday after 23 seasons in the CFL.

Allen is pro football's all-time leading passer with 72,831 yards. He ends his career with four Grey Cup championships, two Grey Cup MVPs and one CFL Most Outstanding Player Award. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celtics one win from final

Boston victorious in pivotal Game 5

CELTICS 106 PISTONS 102

Kevin Garnett scored 33 points and hit the clinching free throws with 3.4 seconds left as Boston held off Detroit 106-102 to move ahead after five games of the Eastern Conference finals.

Ray Allen snapped out of a

shooting slump to score 29 points, and Kendrick Perkins had the best playoff game of his career with 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Celtics.

Boston nearly wasted a 15-point fourth-quarter lead, but now holds a 3-2 edge in the best-of-seven series.

Paul Pierce netted 16



Garnett

points for the Celtics, who moved to 10-1 at home this post-season. The only loss at TD Banknorth Garden came in Game 2 to the Pistons.

Chauncey Billups had 26 points and Richard Hamilton scored 25 before leaving in the final minute with a strained right elbow for the Pistons.

Game 6 is tomorrow at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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»sports In Brief

NBA The New Orleans Hornets agreed with head coach Byron Scott on a contract extension yesterday. Terms of the contract were not revealed, but the New Orleans Times-Picayune reports it's a two-year deal estimated at \$12 million US.

TENNIS Top-seeded Maria Sharapova was two points away from defeat against fellow Russian Evgeniya Rodina yesterday at the French Open before prevailing 6-4, 3-6, 8-6.

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT

Game 3 — Last night
Pittsburgh 3 Detroit 2
Game 4 — Saturday
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 9
*Game 5 — Monday
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9
*Game 6 — Wednesday
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 9
*Game 7 — Saturday, June 7
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9
(Detroit leads series 2-1)
(* — if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. DETROIT

Game 5 — Last night
Boston 106 Detroit 102
Game 6 — Tomorrow
Boston at Detroit, 9:30
*Game 7 — Sunday

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N.Y. Mets 7 Florida 6 (12 ins)
Cincinnati 9 Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 1 Atlanta 0
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Washington at San Diego
Chicago W. Sox at Tampa Bay, 8:10
Minnesota at Kansas City, 9:10
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Atlanta at Milwaukee, 2:05
Washington at San Diego, 4:35
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 8:10
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:10
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Furneaux has Beijing in her sights

Local kayaker forgets injuries, targets Olympics

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

A year ago, Karen Furneaux's dream of a third trip to the Summer Olympic Games was very much in jeopardy.

But the Waverley kayaker has put a frustrating season of injuries behind her and looks like a sure bet for Beijing entering the final stage of qualifying next week in Europe.

Furneaux is coming off a terrific month and is one of six Nova Scotians competing at World Cup sprint canoe-kayak regattas in Szeged, Hungary, and Duisburg, Germany. She didn't even make the national team for those events last year.

"Last year was a bit frustrating for me, but I still had some good results toward the end of the summer," Furneaux said. "I knew I was



Waverley's Karen Furneaux has recovered from the injuries that plagued her last season and has a spot in the Beijing Olympics clearly in her sights.

on track and that I would be able to train at my full capacity this year, and that was my goal."

Furneaux said she has completely recovered from back and shoulder injuries that caused her to post un-

characteristically slow times last May. It shows in her results.

Last month, Furneaux won K-1 500-metre races at the Canadian Olympic team trials in Gainesville, Ga., and the Pan American canoe-kayak

championships in Montreal. She was also part of the winning K-4 500 crew at both events.

The 31-year-old called this year's success a relief.

"When you train at something for 17 years and it all

provincial pride

Nova Scotians who have qualified for the Beijing Olympics or who hope to qualify (x - denotes former Olympian).

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» SAILING (2) — x-Lisa Ross, Lunenburg; Oliver Bone, Halifax.

» ROWING (1) — Tracy Cameron, Shubenacadie.

HOPING TO QUALIFY

» CANOE (1) — Andrew Russell, Dartmouth.

» KAYAK (5) — x-Karen Furneaux, Waverley; Lyall Hatton, Bedford; Connor Taras, Waverley; Genevieve Orton, Dartmouth; x-Jillian D'Alessio, Middle Sackville.

» ATHLETICS (2) — Jenna Martin, Caledonia; Adrienne Power, East Jeddore.

» GYMNASTICS (2) — x-David Kikuchi, Fall River; Hugh Smith, Bedford.

time teammate and rival Emilie Fournel of Dorval, Que.

"My goal is not to simply beat her," Furneaux said. "My goal is to be among the best in the world and if I can do that, I will be assured of my Olympic spot."

Furneaux lists "personal improvement" as her biggest motivator, and in line with that, she doesn't waver when asked if she can be at the peak of her career when August rolls around.

"I believe I will, yes," she said. "I believe I can be better every day. I'm searching for that personal improvement every single day on the water and it's a huge driving force for me."

Dartmouth's Andrew Russell also appears a near lock for the Olympics at the World Cups. He posted wins in the C-2 500 and 1,000 in Gainesville and Montreal with partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny of Trois-Rivières, Que.

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Durocher aims to make Eagles soar even higher

Ex-assistant fills Vincent's shoes

By GREG MacVICAR
Cape Breton Post

The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles unveiled Mario Durocher as their new head coach and general manager yesterday.

The 44-year-old Durocher, who has been an assistant coach with the Screaming Eagles for the past two seasons, has inked a two-year contract and replaces Pascal Vincent, who split town last week to sign on with the Montreal Junior.

Durocher had previously been head coach of three other Quebec Major Junior Hockey League teams — the Victoriaville Tigres, the Sherbrooke/Lewiston franchise and the Bathurst Titan.

This will be his first shot as a general GM.



Mario Durocher, right, was named the new head coach and general manager of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles by the franchise's president Paul MacDonald at a press conference yesterday in Sydney, N.S.

"I know everything about my job as head coach," Durocher said. "I got a little bit of a challenge for GM. But for me, it's going to be a good challenge. I always worked a lot with my GM when I was head coach and I was pretty close with Pascal too."

Durocher said he needs to bring the team's 13 rookies from last season's squad —

which went a surprising 40-24-3-3 — "to the next level" in their second season of play.

"I want a good defensive game, quick transition," added Durocher. "Discipline on and off the ice is quite important. I think the team's in good shape. As head coach, I'm not afraid, I can do the job with anybody in that league."

STEVE WADDEN/CAPE BRETON POST

homefashion



To furnish a guest room in your home, include an alarm clock by the bed, paper and pens, scissors, tape, tissue, and a hair dryer. And, a phone in the room will definitely be much appreciated. HGTV.CA

Powder room calls for dramatic look

Great sinks are the focal point of this small space

We love a lavishly appointed and dramatic powder room, which is a small bathroom that contains only a sink and a toilet.

We simply abhor beige and boring in this space — we think it is a design crime to waste a glorious opportunity to make a bold statement.

And what's more, you are allowed — even encouraged — to decorate in a way that attracts attention. Why on earth wouldn't you grab the opportunity?

This can be a place where you can take your first tentative steps toward uninhibited artistic expression.

Go ahead — consider painting your ceiling lipstick red, install wallpaper featuring large and exuberant blooms, or install a dramatic glass vessel sink — here's the place to take a chance.

Here is also the place where you can experiment with expensive finishes as well, since furnishing a small place is going to cost you far less than it would cost to furnish a larger space.

You have a lot of latitude — just be careful to use colours that are complementary to the colours in your house.

Remember that a powder room is also a room that guests see, and it should contain a few splurges, since it is a room that reflects on your hospitality and is also a great place to show off your own unique sense of style.

The biggest design impact can often come from the walls and ceiling in such a space.

Walls and sometimes ceilings can be painted with decorative treatments, such as glazing or other paint effects. Many



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people also choose bright, jewel-like tones, or deep, regal colours such as wine red, deep purple or chocolate brown. These saturated tones can be stunning!

Dramatic wallpaper is also making a big comeback in powder rooms. Since this room does not get wet in the same way as a shower or bath, powder rooms can use finishes that would not normally be recommended for wet rooms, such as fabric finish wallpaper, for example.

Consider using it on the ceiling as well. Since this room should be impressive, do plan to spend a little more for an attractive appearance — a great sink and faucet are important because these features tend to be the focal point in a powder room.

A countertop, if there is one, should be elegant — look for shiny finishes.

And the cabinet, if there is one, should look decorative rather than strictly utilitarian-looking.

Consider an antique



Above and right, these Moxie wall-mount lavatories by Kohler illustrate the dramatic statement that can be made with powder room sinks. Above right, bold paint makes an instant impact even in a small powder room.

dresser or a buffet that spans a wall — this more formal look is simply smashing.

Also consider crown moulding of between 3 and 5 inches, and a thick baseboard of up to 8 inches — they'll add weight and an air of formality.

A beautiful mirror and gorgeous lighting is also a worthwhile investment in a powder room — again, the scale is small, so exquisite finishes become possible.

Most of all, don't crowd an already small space with objects that stick out such as shelving, racks or baskets.

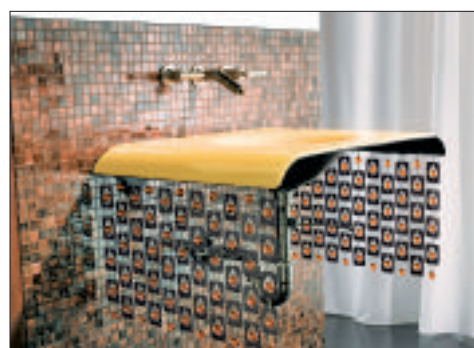
If possible, recess these into the wall. Keep personal objects to a minimum.

If the space is really tight, consider a pedestal or a small wall-hung sink to keep things architecturally clean.

To add a touch of softness, add thick, luxurious towels, and fragrant hand cream, alongside attractive hard soaps.

And don't forget a hook for a guest's sweater, and a tiny counter space — if possible — for a purse.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network. Tammy is an interior decorator. Jeffrey designs home furnishings and bedding through his company Jeffrey Fisher Home.



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Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay quotes:

1. "I have a very assertive way. It's wake up, move your ass, or piss off home."
2. "There are huge numbers of young women out there who know how to mix cocktails but can't cook to save their lives, whereas men are finding their way into the kitchen in ever-growing numbers."
3. "The problem with Yanks is they are wimps."
4. "You've got to be boisterous to get results."
5. "I hid myself in food."

— allgreatquotes.com



Grilling's a personal thing

Experimentation key to success, BBQ guru says

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Halifax

Whether you're baking, pan-frying or grilling a chunk of sirloin steak on the barbecue, the spices and flavours you add to your meal ultimately depends on your taste buds.

Award-winning chef and food entertainer Ted Reader says barbecuing is a personal thing — what type of sauces or spice you use is up to you.

"You need to develop your own flavors — but, that being said, it is better to start easy with spices and sauces and develop your recipe," says Reader. "It is easier to add than take away. Play it safe and make it delicious."

Reader recently launched a new line of products, World Famous BBQ, which features

12 sauces, seasonings and rubs — including Orgasmic Onion, Shirazamataz and Crazy Canuck. "I wanted to share my favourite barbecue sauce recipes with everyone who loves to grill and barbecue. These are favorites of mine that I have created and developed over the years," he says. "Looking at the current market place and the number of barbecue sauces that are available, I wanted to create a line up of products that were more than just tomato-based."

Ted Reader

So how much sauce or seasoning is too much? Is less really more? Reader says the best way to know what's going to work for you is by experimenting. Shirazamataz is good for steaks and lamb, Crazy Canuck for ribs and chicken, but it can also go

great with seafood and veal. "Play, experiment and have fun," says Reader. "Just because there is an open flame does not make the food cook any faster. Take it easy and have patience."

Wasabi teriyaki glaze

This sauce recipe is from Ted Reader's book *Napoleon's Everyday Gourmet Grilling*. The following details the Wasabi Teriyaki glaze for chicken and the complete grilling recipe (Tumble Basket Chicken Thighs with Wasabi Teriyaki Glaze) can be found in the book or online at metronews.ca.

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp vegetable oil 30 mL
1 tsp toasted sesame oil 5 mL
4 garlic, minced 4
1 tbsp finely chopped peeled fresh ginger 15 mL
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar 60 mL
1/4 cup rice vinegar 60 mL
1/2 cup Mango Barbecue Sauce 125 mL

(see recipe, page 50 of the book)
1/4 cup soy sauce 60 mL
1/4 cup water 60 mL
1 tbsp prepared horseradish 15 mL
1 tsp wasabi powder 5 mL
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup toasted sesame seeds 60 mL
1/2 cup pickled ginger 125 mL

METHOD:

In a medium saucepan, heat the vegetable oil and sesame oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic and ginger for 3 to 4 minutes, until tender and fragrant. Stir in the brown sugar, vinegar, Mango Barbecue Sauce, soy sauce, and water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Once grilling is complete,



place chicken on a serving platter and baste once more with the glazing sauce. Serve sprinkled with the toasted sesame seeds and pickled ginger and more sauce on the side.

FROM THE NAPOLEON'S EVERYDAY GOURMET GRILLING BOOK

great with seafood and veal.

"Play, experiment and have fun," says Reader. "Just

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Feenie loves comfort foods

Rob Feenie is one of Canada's most acclaimed chefs. Chef Feenie has published three cookbooks, and was the first Canadian to win on *Iron Chef America*.

Q What is your fondest memory from your family kitchen?

A Every Sunday night at my house growing up my mom did a roast. I loved everything about Sunday night dinner — the taste, smell and sense of family.

Q What is your favourite food to cook?

A I enjoy making comfort foods that appeal to my family. There are so many favourite dishes; home-made pastas, soups and roasts of all sorts, but especially chicken and prime rib.

Q Do you use cookbooks?

A I read and use cookbooks all the time. Right now my favourite is

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Mario Batali's (Italian American chef, restaurateur, TV host) book *Babbo*.

Q How did the first meal you prepared turn out?

A The first meal I made alone was a disaster, thankfully my family for-

gave me and let me try again.

Q What kitchen gadgets can you not live without?

A I need to have my over-sized wood cutting board, a high quality whisk and a few good Japanese knives.

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Crab ravioli with black truffle beurre blanc

This recipe, from the book *Feenie's: Brunch, Lunch, Dinner*, is one of the dishes prepared on *Iron Chef America* — it was a hit with all the judges. Please visit metronews.ca for the complete recipe.



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The Royal Nova Scotia Tattoo is encouraging audience members to wear red for the performance on Friday, July 4, in support of Canada's troops in Afghanistan. METRO HALIFAX

Tattoo marches to own beat

Celebration more than military bands, pipes, drums

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

It is a celebration of Canada's military past and present, and while it might be one of the largest indoor shows in the world, it isn't always attracting a young audience.

"We are really trying to connect more to the younger crowd," said Ian Fraser, artistic director of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

The Halifax Metro Centre show, a mixture of military bands and drill teams combined with civilian acrobatic and singing acts from eight countries, has teamed with Democracy 250 for this year's event.

The committee, headed by former premiers John Hamm and Russell MacLellan, is marking the 250th anniversary of parliamentary democracy in Nova Scotia, and trying to get youth interested in the democratic process.

Likewise, the Tattoo plans



The Defence Force Steel Orchestra from Trinidad & Tobago is making its Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo debut this year.

info to remember

» **What:** The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo
» **Where:** The Halifax Metro Centre
» **When:** July 1 through 8. Various times

» **Tickets:** \$21 to \$60. Call 451-1221 or visit www.ticketatlantic.com. For more information, and a complete list of performers, visit www.nstatattoo.ca.

to take to Spring Garden Road this year, with a series of mini parades at noon on days when there aren't matinee shows. Bands will also make appearances in three metro malls—which will also display Tattoo costumes. "It's hard to say, I hope so,"

said Fraser about whether young people understand the relevance of the Tattoo. Its objectives include stimulating patriotism, educating youth, and recognizing Canada's debt to the armed forces and the RCMP.

"We are really making an

effort to get out there and relate to the people," Fraser said. "We are making a lot of tickets available to kids and young people."

"Once they come and see the show, they inevitably go back and say, 'Wow, I just thought it was military bands and that kind of thing. I did not realize that this covers the entire spectrum of entertainment.'"

A new stage, which includes a 90-foot screen, has been built for this year's show.

participants from eight countries

More than 25 acts from eight countries will be participating in this year's Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, which runs July 1 through 8 at the Halifax Metro Centre. Here is a look at some of the performers:

» **AUSTRALIA:** OzScot, a mix of traditional and contemporary highland dancers from Australia will be joined by countrymen from the Scots College Pipes & Drums.

» **DENMARK:** Making its first appearance at the Tattoo is Talenthødet, a group of gymnasts ranging in age from eight to 21.

» **GERMANY:** The German Army Band 10, a drill team, and the Gym Wheel Team Taunusstein will make the trip to Halifax for the eight day event.

» **THE NETHERLANDS:** DVS Katwijk, a civilian show and marching band, will make the trip to Halifax with the group The Euroband.

» **SWITZERLAND:** One of Europe's foremost comedy gymnastic teams, D'Holmikers was a fan favourite last year with its version of Snow White And The

Seven Dwarfs. It will be joined by Gym Team Mels, a group of parallel bar gymnasts.

» **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:** The only marching military steel orchestra in the world, the Trinidad & Tobago Defence Force Steel, will make their Tattoo debut.

» **UNITED KINGDOM:** The Parc & Dare Band, which has held the title of the Champion Band of Wales 14 times, will perform.

» **CANADA:** Among the acts from Canada are the Shearwater and Greenwood pipes and drums bands, the Tattoo choir and dancers, La Baie en Joie Acadian dancers (photo above), and three vocal soloists which include CTV personality Liz Rigney. » The Tattoo is reporting an increase in the amount of tourists who came to Nova Scotia to see the event last year. While the five year annual attendance average is 20,356 visitors, the number who attended the eight day event in 2007 was 21,842. It says this resulted in an economic impact of \$47.6 million. METRO HALIFAX

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»news In Brief

» **JUNE 5** Some of the provinces' best performers will take to the Rebecca Cohn stage on Thursday for Nova Scotia Here & Now, a fundraiser for the Children's Wish Foundation. Acts taking part include the MacQuarrie Dancers, the band Pokey, and singer Stephanie Hardy. Tickets are \$25. Call 494-3820.

» **GUITARISTS** The Flamenco Festival Atlantic is looking for guitarists interested in participating in a flamenco guitar night to take place in Halifax during the festival this October. The event is open to those who know how to play the music, and

those interested in learning. Interested guitarists are asked to contact Bob Sutherby. His email address is bobsutherby@eastlink.ca.

» **SPITFIRE GRILL** The Dartmouth Players will present its last show of the season, The Spitfire Grill, beginning on June 11 and running through June 28. The show is a modern day musical about a young woman's awakening written by James Valcq and Fred Alley. It is based on a film of the same name. For more information or tickets, visit www.dartmouthplayers.ns.ca or call 465-7529.

METRO HALIFAX



Sabrina, The Teenage Witch star Caroline Rhea and her longtime boyfriend, Costaki Economopoulos, are expecting their first child, People.com reports.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

New generation of gaming

Wii Fit aims to bring families together

By **DARREN KRAUSE**
for Metro Halifax

It was 9 p.m. last Sunday; my girlfriend just returned home from an exhaustive hour of lacrosse.

With a quick glance and forced smile, I acknowledge her arrival and then fix my eyes back on Sonic And The Secret Rings, a game on my new Wii — a game system I stood in line 30 minutes to buy on a recent rainy Satur-

day morning at a Toys "R" Us in Calgary with my eight-year-old son ... two years after the first Wii system was launched in Canada. "Let's play (Mario And Sonic At The) Olympics," she said. "I want to get better at it."

A nirvana sought since I was a prepubescent boy had now arrived — I had found a mate to share in my joy of video games.

The next question was: Why Wii and not the two Xboxes we have in the house?

Simple, according to Matt Ryan, spokesperson

Wii Fit

for Nintendo Canada — they've catered to "mom."

"(Nintendo) knows that mom makes a lot of decisions on what the family does for fun, what the family does to keep themselves together, and to play together," said Ryan.

"Nintendo needs to market its products to women in order to tap into that chief household officer."

Funny thing is, my part-

ner only rubber-stamped the Wii purchase once I proved the entire family could actively participate.

It's also why 34-year-old Calgary mom of two, Natalie Young, picked up a Wii last Christmas, and why she's bounced between sold-out stores to find Nintendo's recently released and elusive Wii Fit.

"I wanted the Wii Fit for myself because in my busy

schedule with two kids it's hard to get out and exercise. With the Wii Fit I could do it at home and even get the kids involved, too."

Physical activity is one of the catalysts for Wii's recent domination of the gaming market. In Canada last year, the Nintendo Wii and portable DS system have outsold all other gaming platforms combined.

"Women seemed to really embrace the idea of having a video-game experience that was not only fun, but was also involved in physical activity," Ryan said, not-

ing the violent, sedentary and anti-social have been the stigma attached to video gaming that Nintendo wanted to dispel.

The goal was to make gaming inviting to everyone from five to 95 and create a larger video-gaming market with women a large part of that new market — and they've done it.

The fact my partner and I have played our new Wii every night since its purchase (and a plan to get a Wii Fit when budget allows), is evidence enough for me.

Like I said ... nirvana.

Wii Fit brings exercise into home

Wii Fit
Publisher: Nintendo
Platforms: Wii
Rating: E — Everyone
Game type: Sports
Rating: **** (out of five)

»What's the premise?

Step on to the new Wii Balance Board and have some fun getting healthier through a series of activities and exercises divided up into four main areas: Yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. Burn

some calories, improve your balance and get a little stronger doing everything from a Sun Salutation to tightrope walking to ski jumping and more.

»This game is most similar to...

The use of the innovative Balance Board makes this one all its own.

»Is it suitable for younger gamers?

My five-year-old took Wii Fit for a spin and he liked some of the aerobic activi-



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ties like stepping and balance games such as heading soccer balls and using the hula-hoop. As is often the case with the Wii, it's nice

to see kids up and moving around while gaming.

»One player or more?

More than one person can have a Wii Fit profile and benefit from some daily training, however, the only two-player element that was evident in hours of reviewing was jogging, which only requires a pair of Wii-motes.

»The (not-so) secret to success is...

Don't get discouraged. Try not to hurl the board



Wii Fit and the Wii Balance Board will make you break a sweat in many of the activities offered.

out your window when it tells you you've got the fitness age of a much older person or that your balance is so bad you ought to be walking into walls.

»What's missing?

Gatorade and a towel. If you earnestly try most of the activities in Wii Fit, you'll break a sweat and get

your heart pumping.

»And in the end?

Wii Fit is a refreshing change, real potential for health benefits and the new Balance Board is a superb new gaming peripheral full of potential.

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Actor Gary Dourdan, right, pleaded guilty to counts of cocaine and ecstasy possession during his arraignment yesterday in Indio, Calif. "As a result of today's proceedings, Gary has been given diversion (a drug treatment program)," his lawyer Shawn Chapman Holley said.

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JoJo Thompson and Lynn Murray at the Rodeo Lounge for the Kids Help Phone Charity Auction.



Marc Perry and Vanessa Rodrigues at Casino Nova Scotia to see the great Bill Cosby.



Julie Huskins, from left, Leif Fuchs and Tracy Holloway at the Rotary Club annual Spring Dinner.

Cosby a crowd pleaser

It was more comedy than you could shake a stick at this week. First, the legend himself, Bill Cosby, was in town for two sold-out shows at Casino

Nova Scotia. My Scene spies tell me he took stand-up to a sit-down level, performing both shows centre stage, seated in a chair. Very few comics could command an audience using just facial expressions and voice, but the Cos can and did last Friday. Although I didn't make the show, I did manage to get a vintage Cosby album signed and those I spoke to who had direct contact with him during his visit say he's very much the Cliff Huxtable he played on television. Let's hope he's back soon to perform more shows for an audience that clearly wanted more!

Then Sunday, the Police Association took Comedyfest to the casino stage. For the fourth year in a row, comics came together to raise money for community



Sarah Mallon and Peggy Boudreau greet people at the Rodeo Lounge for the Kids Help Phone Charity Auction.



Happy Anniversary! Dave Murchison, from left, Heather Lebuki, Mike Condy and Josh Lebucki toast the continued success of The Beer Market.



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safety, crime victims and front-line police personnel. Headlining this year was Dartmouth's own Tracey MacDonald, winner of Star Search in 2003. She now lives in Hollywood and performs all over the United States, but came home for this worthy cause.

Earlier in the week, the Rotary Club of Halifax honoured Mickey MacDonald at its annual Spring Dinner. MacDonald is now known as the owner of the Chickenburger and Mills Bros., but is also a philanthropist and great speaker. Last Wednesday, he spoke to the business audience at the

Holiday Inn Select, sharing his stories of becoming and being an entrepreneur.

Hard to believe that it's been three years since the Middle Deck faded off into the sunset, but that's how long the Beer Market has occupied that Historic Properties space. It was time to celebrate three years on the scene and so, of course, the Scene had to be there. Happy Birthday! Friday night the beer was flowing and this week DJ Bill G and DJ Mo Bounce will be keeping the party going.

It's always wonderful to witness a birth, or in this case a re-birth. Once again a bar and eatery occupies the place where the Carleton Hotel once stood on Argyle Street. The historic building has housed everything from a veteran's residence to a costume museum to Rosa's Cantina (I'm showing my age now...). Simply called The Carleton, the 160-seat restaurant and lounge will feature the best in Nova Scotia

acoustic music



Yvonne Foisy and Jessica at the Rotary Club annual Spring Dinner.

as well as an amazing wine list. It started off with a bang, featuring Joel Plaskett for two nights to celebrate its opening. For those of you not old enough to remember, the Carleton is at 1685 Argyle St.

Since I am a sucker for a good charity auction, Saturday saw me sneaking into a fundraiser for the Kid's Help Phone at the Rodeo Lounge in Burnside. Some great deals were up for bids, including tickets to Avril Lavigne's concert in August (note to my daughter: NO I did not get them!) and a Via Rail trip for two to Montreal.

I'd love to make a deal to cover your event for The Scene.
Just e-mail me at beatlejamie@eastlink.ca.



Norsat and Azar Eblaghi at the Rotary Club annual Spring Dinner.



Staff of the Red Stag join in the Beer Market anniversary celebration. From left, Michelle Calnan, Christina MacRae, Adam Purcell, Lauren Fry and Stephanie McCullough.

Girl looks at teens' dark sides

It seems the dethroned queen bee Blair Waldorf is back in school, giving Manhattan prep-school teens a lot to talk about this semester.

Gossip Girl is back on CTV with Part 2 of Season 1 featuring five new episodes, the first hitting TV sets across the country tomorrow night.

Based on the bestselling series of young-adult novels by Cecily von Ziegesar, Gossip Girl is an hour-long drama surrounding the lives of privileged prep-school kids.

Being a teen in today's day and age isn't exactly the way it used to be 10 or 15 years ago. It has a lot more to do with fitting in

and being popular — who has the newest handbag by Prada or Dolce and Gabbana, who is wearing the latest summer fashions from Aritzia, or who's sporting a trendy pair of Diesel or Lacoste shoes.

From fashion to music to food — times are changing so fast it's hard to keep up. And gone are the days of

brown paper bagging it. Today's kids have to eat out — it could be a fast-food joint or something a little more upscale like sushi. Whatever it takes to fit in.

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Tip of the Day: There is no such thing as a worthless conversation, providing you know what to listen for.
And questions are the breath of life for a conversation.
— James Nathan Miller

This season's American Idol champ, David Cook, right, has told TV show *Extra* that he is dating second season alum Kimberly Caldwell. Cook asked her out on the U.S. TV Guide Network.

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reality show

MTV cashes in on T.I.'s legal woes



MUSIC MTV has ordered eight episodes of a reality show focused on rapper T.I. doing community service ahead of his one-year prison sentence, which he will start serving in the spring of 2009, ew.com reports.

The series has already captured T.I.'s release from house arrest and will begin shooting full time this summer as he performs his 1,000 hours of community service. The show will also chronicle the release of his new album, *Paper Trail*, and the birth of his first child, and will likely air soon after T.I. goes to jail.

gold rush

McConaughey's brother gets show

CASTING A new McConaughey may soon be ruling the Hollywood roost, E! News Online reports.

While Matthew McConaughey had *Fool's Gold*, older brother Rooster — his birth certificate says Michael Patrick — will have *Black Gold*, a new truTV reality show from the producers of *Deadliest Catch*.

The series, which begins June 18, chronicles men working one of the most dangerous jobs in the world — the race to find oil in Texas.

cancer fight

Networks join forces for research

TV SPECIAL ABC, CBS and NBC will air a live prime-time special Sept. 5 to raise money for cancer research, Reuters reports.

The hourlong *Stand Up To Cancer* will air commercial-free, with musical performances and appearances by actors and news anchors. Funds raised will go to organizations that work on research and treatment of cancer. Spider-Man producer Laura Ziskin will produce the program.

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Actors could be next to strike

STRUCK DUMB: THE SEQUEL

Pretty much the worst thing that could happen to the TV industry right now is another strike of key talent, but just such a catastrophe has been looming since before the writers effectively shot the kneecaps out of the 2007-08 season with their winterlong walk-out. The pair of unions that represent Hollywood's acting talent have been mulling about a strike for months now, sounding not unlike the guy in *Office Space* who threatened to burn the office down if he doesn't get his stapler back. According to a story in yesterday's *USA Today*, the lesser of the two unions — the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists — has reached a tentative deal with the representa-

tives of the producers, the sticking point being the same one that flared up into the writers' strike: Fees for streamed and downloaded Internet content.

The deal affects "a handful of prime-time TV shows such as *Curb Your Enthusiasm*" and "will last through June 2011 if it is approved by AFTRA's national board and ratified by members." While I'm glad Larry David is clear to work through into the next decade, the fact that this was the biggest show that AFTRA could claim success for gives you some idea how important restarting negotiations with the Screen Actors Guild are if a strike turns fall 2008 into the season where everyone breaks down and buys a Blu-ray player.



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After the rich, velvety goodness that was the writers' strike, I'm anticipating another body blow to prime time with an avidity that verges on indecent. The sclerotic business television business model has to crumble sooner or later, but it'll get on with it a bit more sharply with a little of what management guru types call "creative destruction." The best-case scenario is that business as usual

will be postponed so long that Fox will have to cast the children of the current stars of 24 to paper over the show's long hiatus, while selling the show as a bulk-purchase download — the full season for just 24 bucks

YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?

The New York Times reported yesterday that TiVo — still struggling for market share even though its very name has become a verb — has struck a deal with the Chicago Tribune that will allow subscribers to access the recommendations of the paper's TV critic, Maureen Ryan, and have their machine automatically download them. The service will only be available for the roughly 100,000 TiVo subscribers in the Chicago area, and the

managing editor of the paper wistfully opined that "maybe we'll get a few people to do the unthinkable and subscribe to the newspaper."

Hell, I'm willing to offer the same basic service without a TiVo subscription — or even the use of a PVR. Just to get you started: a) Turn off your TV; b) crack open a beer; c) practise your tuba playing on the front lawn; d) chuck rocks at the neighbours' kids; e) the beer thing again; f) recite loudly from dirty limerick book in comical accents; g) beer thing; h) do not resist arrest. There — a whole evening killed, and commercial-free, to boot!

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

critics' corner

Lost

Crank up the DVR, or prepare for a long evening in front of the tube. The season finale, which finds the survivors and the "freighter people" getting ready to rumble, clocks in at a whopping three hours. But for those who weathered the long wait for the show's return, it'll be worth it, at least in terms of drama. Matthew Fox and Jorge Garcia star in "There's No Place Like Home." 9 PM on ABC ASN



David McCullough: Painting With Words

Seen recently on HBO and The Movie Network, "John Adams" was based on author McCullough's biography. This documentary turns the tables and is a biography of the author. His love for history comes across loud and clear, and he has no qualms about talking of his private life. 10 PM on M1

Mark Williams' Big Bangs

Mark Williams ends his limited series with, well, a big bang. He's made it to the modern history of explosives, and to help viewers understand his passion, he joins some British commandos on a mission. Also, Williams visits the atom bomb test site in New Mexico and participates in a special explosion inside the Arctic Circle. 10 PM on OLN

Without a Trace

Apparently he can't fight his way out of everything. An ultimate fighter is the missing person in this episode, having disappeared right after winning a match. Jack (Anthony LaPaglia) and the team uncover a long list of possible suspects, including an old nemesis who's just gotten out of prison. Poppy Montgomery, Enrique Murciano and Marianne Jean-Baptiste also star in "Fight/Flight." 11 PM on CBS

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celebritybuzz

Sandler accused of stealing idea

Apparently, you don't mess with the guy who claims to have originally come up with the idea for your movie.

The author of a 2003 webzine, 2005 comic book and 2007 novel all titled *The Hair-Raising Adventures Of Jayms Blonde* has launched a legal salvo against Adam Sandler, seeking to halt the June 6 release of *Don't Mess With The Zohan*, *E!* News Online reports.

Ellis J. Paillet, a Louisiana attorney who represents author Robert W. Cabell, sent a cease-and-desist letter earlier this month to the comedian's camp, accusing Team Sandler of ripping off his client's ideas and threatening a full-blown lawsuit.

Sandler's publicist, Cindi Guagenti, declined to discuss the claims or potential litigation. "We don't comment on lawsuits, especially ones without merit," she said.

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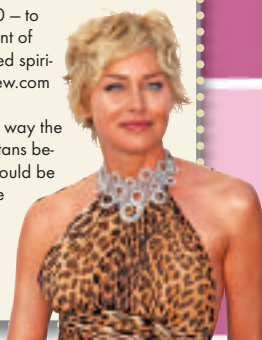


Cinema boycotts Stone movies

A Chinese cinema chain says it will boycott Sharon Stone movies following her comments last week at Cannes that linked the country's disastrous May 12 earthquake – which to date has taken the lives of more than 65,000 – to "karma" and China's treatment of ethnic Tibetans and their exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, *ew.com* reports.

"I'm not happy about the way the Chinese are treating the Tibetans because I don't think anyone should be unkind to anyone else," Stone said in a red-carpet interview with Cable Entertainment News of Hong Kong.

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Ifans denies summer wedding

Welsh actor Rhys Ifans has denied rumours he is set to marry his fiancée Sienna Miller in a summer ceremony this year, *imdb.com* reports.

The couple was reportedly preparing to wed in August – a year after Miller rejected his first proposal, when the Notting Hill star asked for her hand in marriage by sending her a cryptic message in Welsh, which read: "Marry The Misfit."

The *Factory Girl* star said no for the second time when Ifans asked again at her 26th birthday party in December – but she finally agreed to marry him on his third attempt in March.

Reports have since been rife that the couple is planning a low-key celebration in the coming months, but Ifans has dismissed the claims.

He tells Britain's *Closer* magazine, "I'm not marrying Sienna this summer. I'm taking a break at the moment and just want to chill out."

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Actress Kirsten Dunst has blasted reports she checked into rehab to tackle substance abuse issues, explaining she was depressed, *imdb.com* reports.

In her first interview since entering a Utah treatment centre last year, the *Marie Antoinette* star insists she spent six months trying to conquer the blues but eventually realized she needed help.

She tells *E!* News, "I didn't go to Cirque Lodge for alcohol abuse or drug abuse. I went there for depression. It was a good six months before I decided to go away. I was struggling, and I had the opportunity to go somewhere and take care of myself. I was fortunate to have the resources to do

it. My friends and family thought it was a good idea, too. But I didn't know where to go. My doctor recommended Cirque Lodge."

Dunst admits speculation about her health and personal problems haven't helped her in her battle: "Depression is pretty serious and should not be gossiped about. There's been a lot of misrepresentation about what is going on in my life... (That's) very painful for my friends and family. Everyone feels like they have to defend me. They hear the rumours, and it puts them in a defensive position. Now that I'm feeling stronger, I'm prepared to say something."

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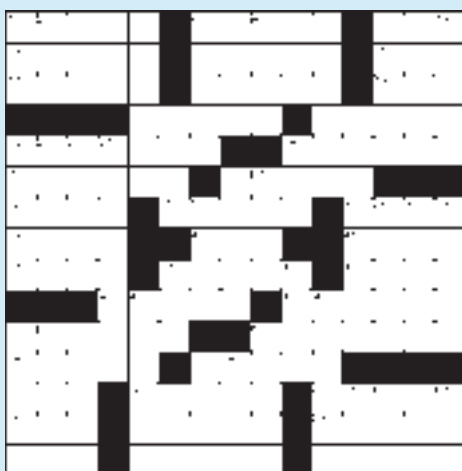
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- 43 Florida bay
- 45 Climb the ladder
- 46 Fictional orphan
- 48 Develop
- 50 Video game classic
- 53 Football player
- 54 Tackle-box items
- 55 Was adventurous
- 57 Actress — Hagen
- 58 Helen, in Spanish
- 60 The One-L Lama
- 65 Throng
- 66 Prom rentals
- 67 Alpaca kin
- 68 Mountain curve
- 69 Joy rides
- 70 Illinois town

previous answer



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by Terry Stickeler

Below is a 16-letter word that is used in everyday speech. See if you can unscramble the letters to find the word.

Y	E	R	L
V	N	N	H
E	T	I	A
P	I	O	T

Yesterday's Answer:
HAPPY, PARSNIPS, PARSNIPS, PARSNIPS, PARSNIPS, PARSNIPS

5		7	1		9			
8					6	9		
	9				2		3	
	3			4				6
	4					9		
6				2			1	
	7		2				4	
		6	8					5
			3		4	7		8

instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes Genius
13-17 minutes Scholar
17-21 Smart
21-25 Pretty good
More than 25 Keep practising

previous answer

4	1	3	7	8	5	6	9	2
2	6	7	1	9	3	4	8	5
8	5	9	2	4	6	1	7	3
5	4	2	9	1	8	3	6	7
7	8	1	3	6	2	9	5	4
9	3	6	4	5	7	2	1	8
3	2	5	6	7	1	8	4	9
6	9	8	5	3	4	7	2	1
1	7	4	8	2	9	5	3	6

HOROSCOPE



ARIES | March 21-April 20

Your ability to find happiness needs some fine-tuning. Speak lovingly to a special person. Be more rational with a needy person.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

A young man will cause problems. Everything will return to normal soon. A coward will shock everyone by taking action.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Be ready for some frustrating conversations. You'll have to use your ability to understand motives. You'll decide to test an absurd notion.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

You'll be forced to set boundaries. Nobody will be very happy about a big mistake. Make plans to reach out to a friend.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

You're able to relax with a member of the opposite sex. Have a good laugh about silliness. A mischief maker asks for help.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Love will bloom for an older female. Tone down your approach to a joker. Someone will back you up in a fresh scheme.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Someone precious asks you for a favour. Making a graceful exit will be the best choice. Depression comes from having extra work.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A new schedule will make people uncomfortable. Ask a bureaucrat some serious questions. Avoid having too many drastic ideas.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Don't push anyone around in order to get ahead. Seek a miracle by taking responsibility. A woman will heed your call.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A pleasant meeting will cheer you. You'll have to work with a team to get a job done. Rules will inhibit the resolution of your desires.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A suspicious man will give you the benefit of a doubt. Get ready to shake things up. You can implement your secret plan.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A woman will say something about love. Acknowledge an error. A collaborator will appear at the right time.

AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 29, 1733: Right of Canadians to keep Indian slaves upheld at Quebec City.

May 29, 1886: Chemist John Pemberton places his first advertisement for Coca-Cola, the ad appearing in the Atlanta Journal.

May 29, 1919: Einstein's theory of general relativity is tested (later confirmed) by Arthur Eddington's observation of a total solar eclipse in Principe and by Andrew Crommelin in Sobral, Ceará, Brazil.

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Halifax weather

Afternoon

Sunny.
17°

Tonight

Partly cloudy.
8°

Friday

Sunny.
16° / 7°

Saturday

Rain.
15° / 11°

The Weather Network

Sunday

Variable.
16° / 9°

Temperature

Normals
High: 16.8°
Low: 6.9°

Records

High: 25.6°/1972
Low: 1.1°/1974Sunrise: 5:33 a.m.
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